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Mr. John W. Nields
Chief Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate Covert
Arms Transactions with Iran
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Nields:

This is in response to Chairman Hamilton's letter to me dated 14 April 1987 enclosing a supplemental document request relating to the legislative history and administrative interpretation of various statutes, including the Boland Amendment and the Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980.

We, of course, remain committed to cooperating fully with all aspects of the Committee's investigation, including the prompt production of requested documents. In this connection, we have provided over 2,000 letters, memos, cables, etc. to date responsive to the Chairman's 3 March letter identifying categories of documents of interest to the Committee. Moreover, I have been in contact with Neil Eggleston, your designated focal point, on almost a daily basis and have made special efforts to provide those categories of materials Neil (as well as your counterparts in the Senate) has identified as being of priority interest to the Committee as the hearings approach. These efforts are continuing and, I presume, will intensify over the next few weeks.

With that as background, let me propose the following approach to deal with the latest request. We already have furnished a number of documents covered in the request to the Committee in response to one or more of the categories set forth in Chairman Hamilton's 3 March letter, as well as the Senate's separate document production request of 5 March. To facilitate your staff's efforts in locating these materials, we will send you in the next few days a listing (by date, subject matter, and control number) of the documents at the Committee that appear to be also responsive to your latest request. Second, there are other relevant documents that we were also already processing in response to your 3 March request when the latest letter arrived. I understand that other agencies were doing the same thing (for instance, we approved last week the transmission by the Justice Department to your Committee of [redacted] Accordingly, I expect that you will also be receiving these materials shortly. Finally, with respect to new categories of materials covered in your latest letter, we have begun to process your request and will furnish these new documents to you as soon as possible, consistent with the other priorities you or Neil have been setting on an ongoing basis.

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I trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory to the Committee. [redacted]
[redacted] of this office has been coordinating the document production aspect
of the Agency's dealings with the Select Committees, and he or I should be
contacted if you have any further questions in this area.

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Sincerely,

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Deputy Director for Legislation
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The Select Committee is studying various aspects of the legislative history and administrative interpretation of statutes bearing on Central Intelligence Agency operations, including the various forms of the Boland Amendment and the 1980 Intelligence Oversight Act. Charles Tiefer is coordinating that research. Pursuant to the procedures previously arrived at with CIA, on March 31 he requested orally the CIA's records on these subjects going back to 1981, and on April 3 he orally confirmed and elaborated on that request, with the understanding that there would be a subsequent written confirmation of the request. Attachment A is a partial subsequent confirmation; I would also appreciate if you would continue to conduct file searches and retrievals at his request, subject to subsequent confirmations.

Attachment A notes some specific Committee needs regarding certifications of completeness, and delivery to Committee offices. I would appreciate your assistance on these matters. Please do not hesitate to inform Mr. Tiefer of any problems or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Hamilton

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